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Though I'm not a big fan of Microsoft practices, I am a fairly content business user of microsoft products.

I cannot fault Microsoft for trying to make money as I do the same 6 days a week. If a company is forced to make their product serviceable or standardized or even priced by what the court orders, we have diminished the basic American freedom and right to persue happiness.

Though I don't care for some of the Microsoft policies, I don't run the company and don't have to pay their bills. No one put a gun to my head when I bought the products.

I am a mechanic by trade. I own an auto repair facility. Will I soon be forced into a pricing structure and way of doing business that is determined by court order?  
Will all the incompetent shadetree mechanics of the world unite and try to control my right to pursue happiness?

Though it's not a popular opinion, I fully support The Microsoft position. Bill Gates my be the richest man in the world but that does not obligate him in any way to share with me any more than I would feel obliged to hand over my account records or earnings to a hobo who's jealous of my position.

If I don't like the Microsoft products or their policies, I don't have to buy the product. I can and did actually survive for many years without a computer. There are alternatives out there. Windows is not the only OS out there. I've tried them all; UNIX, Linux, Free BSD, Solaris, PC-DOS, and the list goes on. In the end I still chose windows because overall, It is a superior product. There are choices out there but they just don't measure up. Why should Microsoft be punished for "building a better moustrap"?

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